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SUBJECT: LABOR DEVELOPMENTS: TEXACO, LOVABLE, TRANSPORT

1. ECOMOFF AND LABOFF HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH LABMIN FONSECA MAY 14, PRIMARILY CONCERNING BANANA SECTOR LABOR PROBLEMS (SEE SEPTEL), BUT ALSO TOUCHING UPON STATUS OF OTHER LABOR PROBLEMS:

2. FONSECA STATED THAT TEXACO REFINERY WORKERS STRIKE WAS IN ESSENCE SETTLED. OF FOUR ISSUES, TWO ARE AGREED, ONE IS DROPPED, AND THE FINAL ISSUE ON WAGES HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHIEF OF STATE WITH BOTH SIDES AGREEING TO ABIDE BY HIS DECISION. FONSECA PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN TEXACO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WENT ON FOR LONG HOURS DURING PAST WEEKEND.

3. ON LOVABLE STRIKE, FONSECA STATES ISSUE NOT TERMINATED. ALTHOUGH COMPANY HAS TAKEN FIRED WORKERS BACK ONTO PAYROLL, IT HAS ASSIGNED THOSE WORKERS TO SIT IN A WAREHOUSE.

4. FONSECA ON MAY 14 DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THE PENDING STRIKE OF TRANSPORT WORKERS WAS A SERIOUS THREAT. (SEPTEL REPORTS DIFFERENT VIEW TAKEN BY TRANSPORT OWNER'S ASSOCIATION.)
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